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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: VORSTER'S BBC-TV INTERVIEW

1. SABC-TV, MAY 14, CARRIED APPARENT FULL TAPE OF PRIME
MINISTER VORSTER'S BBC TELEVISION INTERVIEW REPORTEDLY
BROADCAST SAME DAY IN LONDON. VORSTER SAID THAT SOUTH
AFRICA WAS SEEKING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA
"AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," AND THAT IT HAD SHOWED ITS GOOD
FAITH BY ACCEPTING THE WESTERN PROPOSALS. SWAPO,
HOWEVER, HAD "PLAYED THE FOOL" WITH THE WEST, HE SAID,
BY DESERTING THE PLAN AND THE RECENT NEW YORK TALKS
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"AN HOUR BEFORE THEY STARTED." THE NEXT STEP, HE ASSERTED,
IS NOT UP TO SOUTH AFRICA BUT "TO THE OTHER PARTIES."
"IT TAKES TWO TO MAKE WAR -- IT TAKES TWO TO MAKE
PEACE."

2. SPEAKING OF THE MAY 4 RAID INTO ANGOLA, VORSTER
DECLARED THAT SWAPO'S RESPONSE TO SOUTH AFRICA'S

ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN PROPOSALS HAD BEEN TO
INCREASE ITS TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND TO DECLARE
THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE WITH TERRORISM. THUS, "THERE
WAS NOTHING ELSE THAT COULD BE DONE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES."

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH VORSTER SAID SOUTH AFRICA WAS
SEEKING A SETTLEMENT "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," HE DID
NOT REFER TO A "DETERIORATING SITUATION" IN NAMIBIA
OR TO ALLEGED PRESSURE FROM NAMIBIAN LEADERS TO MOVE
AHEAD.
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